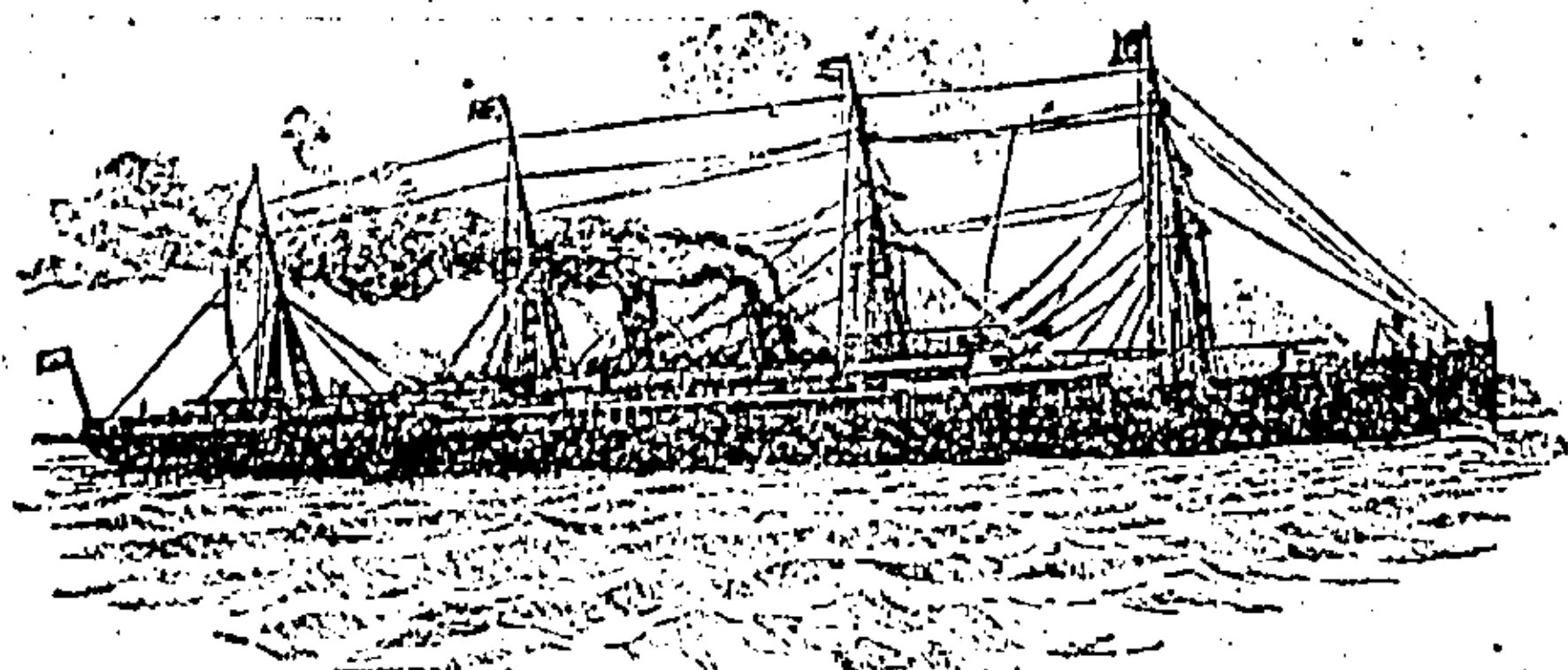


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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902.

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"EMPEROR OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 11th Mar., 1903.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar., 1903.
"EMPEROR OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1903.
"EMPEROR OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April, 1903.
"TARTAR"	4,425 "	WEDNESDAY, 6th May, 1903.
"EMPEROR OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 13th May, 1903.
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STREAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES	Freight
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Laburg	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO)	1903.	Freight and Passengers.
SILESIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	27th Jan., 1903.	Freight and Passengers.
Bahle	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO)	10th Feb., 1903.	Freight and Passengers.
WURZBURG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	1903.	Freight.
v. Bliener	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO)	24th Feb., 1903.	Freight.
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For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
HONGKONG OFFICE,
No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902.

Intimations.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of The CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of January, 1903, at 12 N.O.N., for the purpose of confirming the following resolution passed at the EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company held this day (29th December, 1902).

RESOLUTION.

That for the purpose of carrying into effect the special resolution duly passed and confirmed at Extraordinary General Meetings of the Company held on the 11th and 27th days of October, 1902, the Company be wound up voluntarily under the Provisions of the Companies Ordinance 1865 to 1899, and that the Honourable Charles Stewart Sharp, Alexander George Wood, and John Thomas Martin Wheeley be appointed Liquidators of the said Company with liberty for each of them solely to exercise all the powers of the joint liquidators and that for the like purpose the liquidators be and they are hereby authorized to consent to the preparation of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of and to the registration of a new Company to be incorporated under the Companies Ordinance of Hongkong under the name of The China-Borneo Company Limited or some similar title.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1902.
By Order of the Consulting Committee,
WILLIAM D. JUPP,
Acting Manager.

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By Order,
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A copy of the new Schedule in force from the 1st January, 1903, can be seen at the Stamp Office.

A. M. THOMSON,
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Intimations.

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For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,

T. G. COCHRANE,

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GASTON MAYER,

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For the RUSSO-CHINESE BANK,

J. W. R. TAYLOR,

Manager.

For the GUARANTY TRUST CO. OF NEW YORK,

E. F. GROS,

Acting Manager.

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A DUPLICATION of the WLADIVOSTOK ROUTE has been OPENED

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J. M. BECK,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. 1436d

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AND GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

REVISED CURRENCY CHARGES ON CABLEGRAMS.

THE senders of telegrams are hereby advised that from the 1st of January 1903

the Currency equivalent of the Franc has been raised from \$0.40 to \$0.46, subject to further revision three months hence, at which rate the tariffs for all telegrams from China will be collected.

Any further information desired may be obtained by applying at the Companies' Offices.

J. M. BECK,

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OWING to the large increase in the Cost of Fodder, &c., we are obliged to raise the PRICE of our MILK to 12 CENTS per small bottle for 1st January next.

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LD.,

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TIENTSIN DAY BY DAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

TIENTSIN, 12th December.
Viceroy Yuan returned a few days ago and went straight up to Peking where he had an audience with the E.D. on the 10th. He is credited with having returned full of various plans, and a loan of two million yen from the native merchants in Shanghai to assist the stringency of the market up here. On his return he is said to have been very angry at the persistent high ruling of the premiums on foreign cheques, and orders, which during his absence ran up to 30% and 35%. He immediately issued a very strong notification that the thing must cease somehow or bankers would be punished and whether owing to that or the loan, matters have mended within the past week and now only 15% is being charged. Yuan has ordered the withdrawal of all small cash and is going to make a strong effort to float copper cent coins on the market, and he threatens at anyone is found using the small, discredited cash after the 20th instant, he will be very heavily fined, and coiners will be executed. It will be interesting to know how this works.

THE T. P. G. CASES.

The appointment which I mentioned some time ago of one of the late T. P. G. Judges in superintending the copying of the T. P. G. judgments, is still pending, the British Consul, who was appointed as senior Consul-General custodian of the documents, having qualms about giving up the papers even for a day at a time to the officials who originally drew the majority of them up. The Chinese are naturally annoyed and they are trying to push the matter in Peking now. Meanwhile the revision of the T. P. G. cases goes on, British red-tapism preventing the adoption of a straight forward and commonsense course of action.

THE SPIRIT OF THE TIMES

A gradual recrudescence of the old familiar spirit is being noted in the bearing of the military police and others towards foreigners. Two or three instances have occurred in which the "police" or soldiers have been caught indulging in boxer gymnastics right behind foreigner backs, in some cases with a drawn sword, and in any case tending to throw ridicule upon them if not to excite absolute hostility on the part of the crowd. That such a thing should be possible on the spot where but two years ago conquering hosts swept the city bare, and with strong detachments of those force still here, speaks volumes for what is likely to occur when these forces are withdrawn. In the spring we may confidently look for all the persuasive force of diplomacy to be directed against the retention of the foreign troops here, and while the great majority of people profess a feeling of satisfied security just now, it is doubtful whether one would conscientiously like to feel absolutely left to China's good faith yet awhile. It does not tend to a feeling of security to know that large Chinese camps are stationed on every side, some of them only two or three miles distant, and stories of veiled insolence and hostility coupled with mysterious placards and the steady appointment of Manchu officials all combine to keep alive recollections of what has been and may be yet again.

The very marked stress laid upon the worship of Confucius has to my thinking a sinister significance coming at this juncture. However justified the Chinese are in keeping up their own religious doctrines, the effect of this insistence in high places must inevitably be inimical to the foreign creeds, and foster an impression that the Government disapproves of what has been sanctioned by treaty. And how many know even that? The Governor of Szechuan and an official here and there may preach it, but how many of the Chinese realize it, or regard the missionaries other than as rebellious intruders?

THE SIDING DISPUTE.

The Mixed Commission formed of the British and Russian Consuls, Mr. Detring, Commissioner of Customs, Mr. Ed. Cousins of Jardines, Mr. E. P. Allen, Counsellor at law, and Mr. Coh of the Russo-Chinese Bank, have been for many weeks holding meetings to discuss the rights of the respective claims. A spirit of amicable compromise is said to have characterized the sittings, and they have arrived at a clear understanding as to what each side will do whichever way the final points are decided. The chief point before the commissioner now is whether a certain village comes under the railway property of the Russian, but it is stated this is not nearly such a vital question as it previously was owing to the exchange of agreements which make the decision satisfactory to both parties whichever way it is given.

NEWCHUNG.

A correspondent from Newchwang writes:—Things are quieter in the Chin Chow district than they were, and the people are not so much in terror of bandits. Trade promised to look up, so the officials started a lkin station, but this choked off the native merchants entirely and they cleared off. Instead of the officials fostering the trade as much as possible they promptly set to work to squeeze what little life there was out of it.

Social events include a dance by Lady Susan Townley on the 15th to which many of our Tientsin ladies are going, and *Trials by Jury* is being put on the boards on the 18th on behalf of the church, which will I hope start our theatrical season.

THE INTRIGUES to place the I.M. Customs in the hands of an international board have been renewed with increased intensity in Peking. The idea seems to be to make the I.G. chairman and a Russian as No. 2, so that when Sir Robert Hart goes, an agent of the Czar will succeed him.—*China Gazette.*

COTTAM & CO., FOR PANAMA HATS.

THE P. & O. AND LONDON.

As the P. & O. Company have announced that the question of their terminal port in Great Britain is still unsettled, the various stories circulated with much show of authority must be received circumspectly. The latest is that the Company will not leave London, but will berth their big ships now building at Tilbury, and the reason given for the adoption of this policy is that concessions have been made by the railway companies. This is a vague statement signifying little, but the announcement has this in its favour, that it follows the course suggested by leading shipping authorities when the move to Southampton was under discussion. It was then pointed out that whatever other advantages Southampton possesses, London is the unrivalled centre for the distribution of Eastern products, and that although the approaching additions to the P. & O. fleet have outgrown the capacity of the Royal Albert Docks, Tilbury amply suffices for their accommodation. If the P. & O. Company contemplate removing their head-quarters in Southampton, they have probably been largely influenced by the vigorous measures now being taken by City men to improve the port of "London." It will be remembered that the Royal Commission which inquired into this question recommended that a Port authority be constituted, consisting of 40 members, partly nominated and partly elected, and that the expenditure of £7,000,000, required to carry out the necessary reforms should be guaranteed out of the rates. The City Corporation, on the other hand, strongly incline in the opinion that goods should bear all the charges of the port, which should be as self-supporting as Liverpool. Until some agreement is reached upon this crucial point, no reform is possible, and recently a meeting of city merchants, traders, and bankers was held at Mansion House which appointed a Committee to consider the matter, with a view to legislation. The question is one of no little complexity. An unwieldy board of forty with the rates to draw upon would conduce rather to extravagant expenditure than efficient administration. A body of experts, with no extraneous financial support, again, might be handicapped by lack of funds. Opinion in the City is adverse to financing the port out of the rates, and a strong business committee may find some way out of the financial difficulty.—*Times of India.*

MARCONI vs. MASKELYNE.

It is early yet to speculate upon the commercial prospects of wireless telegraphy when the experiments which are to decide whether Marconi has bridged the Atlantic have not been begun. But at a recent meeting of the Western Telegraph Company a statement was made which throws an instructive light on the present position. Departing from the attitude of lofty indifference at first assumed, Sir John Wolfe Barry, who is so intimately associated with the cable system, has come to the conclusion that there may be something in Marconi's telegraphy after all. So the Western Telegraph Company put up an installation at Portcurno, in Cornwall, in order that they might themselves test the possibilities of the system, and expedite repairs by communicating with the cable ships when the latter are two hundred miles or so from the shore. The Western Telegraph Company use the Maskelyne not the Marconi system, yet at their Portcurno station they have frequently picked up messages meant for other people, presumably for Marconi's establishment. Marconi recently announced that by a process of tuning his instruments up to a certain pitch, they would record only the messages meant for them and remain indifferent to all others. The interception of messages at Portcurno, and the breakdown of the Marconi system in the manoeuvres of the combined Channel and Mediterranean Fleets, afford proof that this invention has not so far been practically applied. There are, therefore, two problems awaiting solution before Marconi's telegraphy can be said to have any commercial prospects; it must be shown that wireless messages can be transmitted over long distances under any conditions, and that Marconi's tuning arrangement will give the isolation of signals which is essential. Assuming, however, that Marconi meets with a double failure, and is unable to establish a trans-Atlantic service, or to isolate his signals there remains a considerable field of usefulness before wireless telegraphy in communicating with ships approaching the shore and with lightships and such detached stations, but to secure its proper utilization some means of preventing interference with whatever system may be favoured is required. This can only be the outcome of an international agreement similar to those which now regulate the posts and telegraphs. Some time ago the German Government, we believe, made a suggestion to this end. Whatever the upshot of Marconi's present experiments, an international conference to settle the many delicate issues involved is desirable, and if he fails, this course will be the only means of securing any practical results from his and similar inventions.—*Times of India.*

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Acting Director of the Hongkong Observatory:—
On the 30th at 11.50 a.m. The barometer has risen over the Sea of Japan, fallen over Formosa and the Loochies, a depression having developed to the South of the latter area. Pressure is highest over China, and gradients are slight for N. winds along the coast. Moderate monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea.
Forecast:—moderate N. winds; fine.

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Intimation.

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1902. [1204d]

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IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE, NORDEUTSCHER HAMBURG-AMERIKA LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE Steamship
"PRINZESS IRENE,"
of the NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M., TO-DAY.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st instant will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 31st instant, at 9.30 A.M.
All Claims must reach us before the 4th January, 1903, or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1902. [653c]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.
NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship "HONGKONG MARU," are hereby notified that their Goods are at their risk being discharged into Lighters and/or landed into our Godowns Nos. 1 and 2, at Kennedy Town, (Marine Lot 243), and delivery may be had either from Lighters or from our Godowns upon countersignature of Bills of Lading.
Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd January, will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
E. W. TILDEN, Agent.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [1]

Consignees.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"SILESIA,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.
This Vessel brings Cargo—
From Trieste, ex.s.s. *Imperator*, transhipped at Bombay.
Optional Cargo will be discharged here, unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 30th instant, or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 30th instant will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1902. [1380d]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S.S. "BENLAWERS," FROM LEITH, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods undelivered after the 31st January will be subject to rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 20th January, or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 31st January, at 11 A.M.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1902. [1438d]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship
"NAMSANG,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after WEDNESDAY, the 31st instant, at 4 P.M., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [1431d]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"MANILA,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.
Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 1 P.M., TO-DAY.
Goods not cleared by the 4th January, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.
Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees' and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour.
All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.
E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [14]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

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FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.
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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized.
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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [14]

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Hongkong, 30th December, 1902.

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On the 30th December, 1902, at Hongkong, the wife of REGINALD DOWSETT THOMAS, s.s. *Nanning*, of a son. [1446d]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1902.

IMPORTANT IMPERIAL DECREES.

After a long spell of dullness in Chinese circles, we, in China, have been enlightened by three important and interesting edicts, all on the same date, 13th, 14th moon. One points out that uniformity is of the utmost importance in military matters, but that the various edicts previously issued to insure this have not been paid any attention to, and Chihli and Hupeh are the only places where any real discipline exists. High military officials from Shensi, Shantung and Honan are therefore ordered to go to Chihli and learn how the troops are drilled, while others from Kiangsi, Anhui, Kiangsu and Hunan to Hupeh, and they are then all to return and drill the troops under them in the same way. Yuan Shi Kai and Chang Chi-tung are ordered to see to this at once. A translation of the text of the edict is as follows:—"Uniformity is one of the most essential characteristics of the army, and we have issued frequent edicts to attain this, but we find that little attention has been paid them and things go on the same as before. The armies in Chihli and Hupeh alone are properly drilled, and we now command that high military officials of Honan, Shantung and Shensi be sent to Chihli, and others from Kiangsu, Anhui, Kiangsi and Hunan to Hupeh to learn the systems in operation there, and that they may then go back and diligently drill the forces under them in like manner. Reviews are to take place annually in each province, and the results whether good or bad be strictly reported, and we instruct Yuan Shi-kai, and Chang Chi-tung to arrange for this forthwith." Another edict states that as much inconvenience is experienced by the Chinese Government during any time of trouble, by reason of the telegraph administration being in the hands of the people, and as the governments of all other countries have the telegraphs in their own hands, Yuan Shi Kai and Chang Chi-tung are ordered to raise the necessary money to buy out the private shareholders and make the telegraphs government property. The English version of the edict is as follows:—"Telegraphic administrations in all countries are controlled and owned by the respective governments, so that in time of war there is no impediment to the government using the lines for military purposes. The Telegraph Administration in China is on the contrary organized by the people, and there are often difficulties in times of trouble. This must be remedied, and the lines must revert to the Government so that they may be worked in a proper way, and we hereby command Yuan Shi-kai and Chang Chi-tung to raise the necessary money and buy up all the shares now held by the public, and we will then appoint a special official to superintend the administration. The latest, and, so far as we are concerned, the most important edict orders the same officials to at once see about securing all the shares of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co., without delay, as the Government desires to acquire the property. There can be little question as to the subtle intention underlying the first two of these edicts if taken at their face value, and the first any way is quite clear as an indication of the intense anxiety to have China pose as a first class puglist. The second is only partially self-interested on the part of the Government, inasmuch as it is quite clearly due to Chang Chi-tung's influence and is intended for a crushing blow to Sheng Taotai. Our Tientsin correspondent has previously mentioned that Chang Chi-tung, being in financial difficulties, requested a loan of two millions or thereabouts from Sheng. Now comes Chang's chance. Ever since Sheng's blunt refusal of his loan he has been planning to discredit him at Court; and has apparently succeeded in the best possible way, by depriving him of the most lucrative thing in his hands. With regard to the China Merchants, the Government is not likely to benefit much, as instead of the vessels being transferred to another flag as they were, glibly enough in 1900, they will now be smartly captured

at the first indication of any trouble, and the edict is, therefore, only a hostage to fortune on the part of the Chinese. So far we have taken the view that, by virtue of the Imperial Decree the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, latterly conducted with such conspicuous success, has been turned over to Government and become the property of the Chinese Government instead of a private company, yet we find in the strong protest, which is given echo to in the *Universal Gazette*, and reproduced in another column, that the company would be registered as a limited liability one with foreign capital invested in the concern. Beyond the statement, which we reproduced from our Northern contemporary a few days ago, that a foreign minister sought to obtain, through the good graces of the Empress Dowager, the conversion of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company into a joint stock concern, we have no means to arrive at the truth whether such a measure is contemplated or not. In the strongly adverse criticism of the *Universal Gazette* we cannot but join issue with its antagonism against the introduction of money from abroad to share with the Chinese in either the profits or the losses of this prosperous company. It must be assumed that in any agreement for the taking over of the concern, whether from the Chinese Government itself or its former owners, the consideration money, which the new company will have to pay, will be decided upon an entirely equitable business basis. It therefore resolves itself into a purely commercial transaction, in which the give-and-take principle has its reciprocity both for the purchaser and the vendor. We cannot therefore see the reason for the bitter animosity displayed by the *Universal Gazette*. Instances are not wanting where Chinese capital has been readily forthcoming in the investment of concerns purely of European initiation. Chinese shareholders in companies registered under our own laws have surely had no cause to complain of their joint participation with ourselves in any undertaking in which they have found it to their advantage to invest any portion of their money. Indeed, there is a good deal of significance in the spirit, so apparent in our own community, to use a common colloquialism, for dabbling in shares by our Chinese friends. Their business acumen, keen perception and foresight have rarely made them the proverbial lamb which come into the stock exchange on a tip only to go out on a stretcher. They can act the bull and the bear with just as much, we would not say more, tact and discretion as the most experienced hand in the Eastern exchanges. We have thus given our opinion that the introduction of foreign capital into the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, if it could be brought about, would not be to the loss of either one or other of its shareholders. The Chinese, as well as Europeans, would be equal sharers in the advantages or disadvantages of any such conversion. With but one advantage to the former that, being a limited company, registered under our own laws the moral, as well as the physical protection which the force of our legislative enactment and the strength of our fleet would give them in the case of hostilities with a foreign power must be such as to prove of decided advantage to a concern which, at present, is regulated under the laws of a country, for all practical purposes, under the tutelage of the nine contracting Powers, all parties to the Treaty of Peace of 1901.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The best and prettiest "Souvenir of the Philippines" is LeMunyon's Calendar for 1903. —*Advt.*

PARCEL MAILS for Europe, etc., per S.S. *Vallet* will close at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 2nd January, 1903.

FIREMAN RUTLEDGE, who had a nasty fall on Saturday night, is doing well at the Government Civil Hospital.

ARMED ROBBERY.—An armed robbery has been perpetrated at a native dwelling house at Chu Sai Wan. A number of Chinamen armed with choppers entered and ransacked a house.

A FATAL ACCIDENT.—Yesterday afternoon a Chinese workman employed by Messrs. Funcland and Lowther, while working in a boat near the new dock, fell overboard and was drowned.

A NEW YEAR DINNER.—We are informed that the Hon. Wei A Yuk is giving a New Year dinner to the members of the P. W. D., Sanitary Board, and Police at his residence in MacDonnell Road on New Year Day.

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H. K. F. C. v. "OLD CRUICKS" was played at Happy Valley during the heavy rain of yesterday afternoon. Both teams were short; the Club playing without a goal keeper. The game ended in a win for the Club by 3-2.

THE C. M. S. N. CO. The *Universal Gazette* publishes the following:—It is reported that an expectant Treaty of Chihli, named Yang Shih-chi, is about to be given the rank of a Metropolitan official of the 3rd or 4th grade and appointed Director-General of the China Merchants' S. N. Co.

EXTRADITION CASE.—On information from the Acting-Viceroy and British Consul-General, Canton, Inspector Baker arrested Chung Sai and Fong Kwai, Chung accused of armed robbery at Sam Chan, China, on the 25th November. They were brought before Mr. Kemp this morning, and the case was remanded till to-morrow.

EVACUATION OF SHANGHAI.—It is curious to learn that the local Chinese, especially the merchants, compradores and traders, are now lamenting the withdrawal of the foreign troops and expressing fears of future troubles as a result of the withdrawal of the garrisons which the Chinese papers and officials have long been crying out for. —*China Gazette.*

Nothing is more interesting and instructive than artistic work and pretty pictures. Views for pleasure citizen and tourist alike.—You get your choice of the very best at LeMunyon's. —*Advt.*

P. & O. CO.—At the sixty-second annual meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, held on the 12th of December, the Directors were to recommend a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent per annum on the preferred stock, and a dividend at the rate of 6 1/2 per cent per annum on the deferred stock, together with a bonus of 3 per cent, making with the interim dividend paid in June, a total payment on the deferred stock of 13 per cent for the year.

STEAMERS ON INLAND SEA.—The steamers of the N. Y. K. going south have Kobe at noon or at 1 o'clock in the forenoon as a rule and as a result the more dangerous part of the Inland Sea, and most picturesque part, is navigated during the night. Passengers have so often complained of this, that some of the captains in the Company's service are reported to have petitioned the head office in Tokio to alter the hour of departure from Kobe to 6 o'clock in the morning. It is expected that the petition will be acted upon. Years ago the Shanghai mail steamers used to leave this port at daylight.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN CONNER.—It is with deep regret that we (*Kobe Herald*) learn that news has been received of the death of Captain George W. Conner, who died from heart disease at San Jose, California. No more popular commander ever trod the deck of a steamer in Asiatic waters and during his many years residence in the East he made a host of friends who will mourn his loss. Captain Conner had retired and settled in California. He was generally known as "Handsome George" for he always had a bright pleasant smile on his face and was ever ready to give a helping hand to anyone.

The prettiest thing out is LeMunyon's Calendar for 1903. Your home is incomplete without one. Artistic in design, beautiful and useful. —*Advt.*

BLAZE AT CROSS STREET.—The Fire Brigade, under Captain Lyons and Inspector Robertson, were summoned to Cross Street shortly before three o'clock this morning, and found house No. 4 was ablaze, and before hoses were ready the adjoining house, No. 2, caught fire. Both of the houses were eventually completely gutted. The fire originated on the second floor, but the cause of the outbreak is not known. The ground floor of No. 4 was a pawnshop and that of No. 2, a grocery establishment. Damage is covered by insurance.

MAJOR GENERAL SIR WILLIAM GASCOIGNE gave a dinner at the Soldiers' Club last evening to the Head Quarter Staff Sergt.-Major Rout, R.E., assisted by Sergt.-Major Pickering presided. There was a large attendance present, including Major the Hon. H. W. Trefusis, A.D.C., Scots Guards. His Excellency, in a pleasing and interesting speech, observed that he had to thank the Head Quarter staff for the honour of knighthood, conferred on him twelve months ago, for, without their valuable assistance the expedition to North China would not have been crowned with success. He left at ten o'clock and the rest of the evening was devoted to harmony.

NEW CABLE S.I.P.—On the 4th of October, a somewhat rare type of vessel was launched by Messrs. Wigham, Richardson & Co. (Limited), at Newcastle, in the shape of a cable-repairing steamer which has been constructed to the order of the Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Telegraph Company (Limited). The vessel will be fitted with all the latest improvements for the service for which she is intended. She is a spar-decked steamer, 370 feet in length by 44 feet beam, and both the bow and stern have a great deal, to facilitate the work of picking up and paying out cable. The propelling machinery will consist of two sets of triple-expansion engines, which, with the boilers, are being constructed by the builders, and are designed to maintain a speed of 14 knots. The vessel was named *Pharo*.

LeMunyon's "Views of Hongkong," please and interest everybody. Have you seen them? —*Advt.*

THE HONGKONG CHURCH MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION held their annual meeting in St. Paul's College on 2nd and 3rd January. An address on "Missionary Work Amongst the Chinese in Australia" will be given by the Rev. E. J. Barnett; and the Rev. J. Dathan, R.N., will speak on "Missionary Work in Japan." The Chief Justice, Sir W. Meigh Goodman, will preside.

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS CO., LTD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The eighteenth ordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd., was held at the Company's registered offices, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central at 3 p.m. to-day. There were present: Messrs. J. J. Jupp (Chairman), J. Orange, A. H. Mancell, J. A. Tarrant, G. Murray Bain, C. Ewens, G. Rapp, and J. L. Cotter.

The report and statements of accounts have already been published in these columns, and in moving their adoption, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the report and statement of accounts having been with you for some days, I propose, with your permission, to take them as read. The traffic receipts for the year again show a substantial advance, but the costs of running have been largely increased, and we must be prepared to face still further increases in the charges accounts in future years. Almost the whole of our rolling stock being imported from England, the fall in exchange on this item alone will have a considerable influence on the running expenses and upkeep. During the year the relaying of the permanent way with new rails has been practically completed, and we have a good supply of spare rails in stock. The rolling stock generally is in first class order, but we have thought it advisable to again write down this account \$5,000.00 as the wear and tear with the improved time table is much greater than before. A contract has been entered into for covering in the top station, a much-needed improvement, and the work is now nearing completion. Owing to the increasing number of 3rd class Chinese passengers travelling, principally servants of Peak residents, it has been found necessary to provide a railed enclosure at the Garden Road station for their use. As these two items will increase the amount at debit of station and shelter by about \$5,000.00 we have written off in anticipation a further sum of \$1,240.25 from the total under this heading, bringing it down to \$11,000. We feel sure you will approve of our having added \$5,000 to Reserve Fund. In the opinion of your Consulting Committee and General Managers, it should be our policy to continue to build up this fund, so that we may be in a strong position to meet any emergency that may arise. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

There being no questions, I beg to put the motion to the meeting.
Mr. Jupp—I beg to second, and in so doing I desire to say the shareholders may congratulate themselves on the good manner in which the Directors have conducted this company.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.
Mr. A. H. Mancell proposed the re-election to the Consulting Committee of Mr. C. Ewens, the Hon. C. W. Dickinson and Mr. J. Orange.

The Chairman seconded and the motion was carried.

AUDITORS.
On the proposition of Mr. C. Ewens seconded by Mr. Tarrant, Messrs. Fulerton Henderson and W. H. Potts were re-elected auditors.

The Chairman—That is all the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow.

KOWLOON SPORTS.

HONGKONG ARMY RIFLE ASSOCIATION.
The second rifle meeting will be held at Kowloon on the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th January, the two latter dates for British troops and the former days for Native regiments.

H. E. Major-General Sir William J. G. Gascoigne, K.C.M.G., is president of the Association, and the officers commanding corps and regiments in Garrison are vice-presidents. The committee is as follows:—Lieut.-Col. H. Wyllie, C.B. (president); Major A. B. Hamilton, R.O.S.B., D.A.C. (ex-off); Major the Hon. W. Trefusis, A.D.C., Scots Guards, and Staff-Sergt. Priest, A.S.C. (representing: Staff, Corps, and D. parments.); Capt. S. D. Bullen and Co.-Qr.-Mr. Sergt. Gettling (representing R.G.A.); Major W. Baker, Town and Qr. Mr. Sergt. Bryant (representing R. E.); Capt. P. F. Anley and Colour-Sergt. Randall (representing 1st Batt. Sherwood Foresters); Captain T. N. Britten, 10th Bombay L.I. Infantry, Major W. Ayerst, 14th Bombay Infantry and Capt. H. G. Corbett, 33rd Burma Infantry (representing Indian Brigade); Major W. A. C. Denny, D.A.C. (Hon. Sec. and Treasurer).

British Troops. Friday and Saturday, 9th and 10th January.—The first four competitions are for officers, shooting to be at 200, 300, and 800 yds, and prize for the aggregate on these competitions; the second four competitions are the same excepting that they are for warrant officers; and the third four are for other ranks. No. 13 is the *Grand Aggregate Challenge Cup*, best shot of the British Garrison irrespective of rank, a cup being presented to the winner. The other competitions are:—No. 14, Team Competition, Nos. 15, 16, 17, and 18, Garrison Pool, Nos. 19, 20, and 21, Carbine Competitions, No. 22, Revolver Pool, and No. 23, Ladies' Nomination.

Native Troops. Wednesday and Thursday, January 7th and 8th.—There are some 10

competitions somewhat similar to the first of those for British troops.

Lady Gascoigne has kindly consented to present the prizes at the Kowloon Ranges on Saturday, January 10th, at 5 p.m.

LADIES MATCH.
At the conclusion of the Hongkong Army Rifle Association Meeting, at Kowloon, on Saturday, January 10th, in addition to the Ladies' Nomination there will be a Ladies' Match.

Conditions:—Service Rifle. Range, 200 yards, Bull's eye two feet diameter. (Rifle and ammunition provided.)

Members of the Ladies Rifle Club wishing to enter are requested to send their names to Major Denny, Hon. Sec., Hongkong Army Rifle Association, Headquarters Offices, by Monday, January 5th. "A" Range, Kowloon, will be available for this match from 2 p.m. Prizes presented by the Association.

THE UNREST AT QUARRY BAY.

FURTHER DETAILS.

In our issue last evening we stated, with all reserve, that information had reached us to the effect that a strike had occurred among the natives employed at Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's works at Quarry Bay. This morning a representative of the *Telegraph* was detailed to make inquiries regarding the truth of the report, and as a result of his investigation we are pleased to learn that, although a strike was imminent towards the close of yesterday afternoon such an undesirable state of affairs was fortunately averted. The situation was by no means pleasant, and an extra guard of police was summoned from the Shaukiwan station, whilst the Central was also notified. Throughout the night a strict watch was kept; but the coolies, numbering upwards of 1,500 natives, remained quiet. When the roll was called this morning it was discovered that fifty men had deserted, and they have evidently gone over to the mainland from whence most of them came. A strong detachment of police, under Mr. E. J. Macey, the Captain Superintendent, visited the works this morning, and we understand a number of constables will remain there until the present temporary unrest has passed. It would appear that many of the coolies, including several headmen, are dissatisfied with the manner in which Indian watchmen have been treating the native women. They make allegations of a serious nature against them, and it was in consequence of these acts that they have resorted to their present methods. From a person in a position to know the true state of affairs we learn that the native workmen have been dissatisfied for the past few months, and only awaited an opportunity of giving vent to their feelings. Meanwhile, the officials are endeavouring to prevent any further disturbance; for apart from the difficulty there would be in using local coolies to do the work a strike on an extensive scale would affect the trade to no considerable extent. With the exception of those who deserted this morning, the other men are at work, and no doubt the presence of the police will tend to prevent any recurrence of the disturbance.

TURF TOPICS.

The racing season is fast approaching and, though very few of the horses are yet named, the exercising is being watched with considerable interest by most of the local sports. The galleys have lately commenced the course having been opened for practice on Wednesdays and Saturdays. After 1st January the training will commence in real earnest, and the course will remain open during each morning. One of Mr. G. C. C. Master's horses is doing some steady work but occasionally pulls up lame after his gallop. Col. Hughes has had a duck, with one of his blacks which has gone dead lame and stands no chance. Brilliant, however, is going fit and ought soon to be in fine fettle. His late stable companion *Diamo* is also waking up a bit and may still prove to be a surprise to the sports. Mr. Morgan Phillips's griffin is looking in fine condition, but appears to be a bit of a handful for his rider. The China ponies, although a small lot, are coming on well and should afford some excellent racing. We hear that Capt. Langland has a day horse.

EARLY BIRD.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.
American (*Chilio*) to-morrow.
English (*Chusan*) 4th prox.
French (*Caledonia*) 5th prox.
German (*König Albert*) 6th prox.
American (*Doric*) 8th prox.
German (*Darmstadt*) to prox.
American (*Nippon Maru*) 16th prox.

The N. P. S. Co.'s steamer *Olympia* arrived at Yokohama on the 28th inst.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer *Tartar* arrived at Vancouver at 7.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 27th inst.

The M. M. Co.'s steamer *Caledonian* left Singapore yesterday, the 29th inst., at 5 p.m. for this port via Saigon.

The P. & S. S. Co.'s steamer *China* with mails, &c., left Shanghai for this port yesterday, the 29th inst., at 9 a.m., and is due here in to-morrow the 31st inst., before noon.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Chusan* left Singapore for this port yesterday, the 29th inst., at noon with the Outward English Mails, and is due here on the 31st prox., at about 10 a.m.

The Imperial German Mail steamer *König Albert* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on Sunday, p.m., the 28th inst., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 6th prox.

The Imperial German Mail steamer *Darmstadt*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 9th inst., has left Colombo on Monday, a.m., the 29th inst., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 30th prox.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Girault.

TELEGRAMS.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

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Venezuelan Blockade.

GERMANY'S PROPOSAL.

Berlin, 29th December, 11.55 p.m.

America not having notified the Powers that President Castro has accepted the Anglo-German reserve clauses the Venezuelan blockade continues. The proposal of Germany that the Hague Tribunal should arbitrate on the basis of the notes of reserve has not been inspired by America.

Macedonian Troubles.

The Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Count Lambardoff, has continued his journey from Belgrade to Sofia. He still remains very reserved and declares himself against the continuous endeavours of Macedonia to become independent.

The Crown Princess of Saxony.

RECONCILIATION IMPOSSIBLE.

All reports about Berlin interference in the Saxon Court Affair are untrue. The return of the Crown Princess and her reconciliation with the Court are impossible.

The Primate's Funeral.

London, December 28th.

The late Primate, the Rt. Hon. and Most Rev. Frederick Temple, D.D., has been buried within the precincts of Canterbury Cathedral.

Mr. Balfour's Health.

Mr. Balfour, who has been suffering from influenza, is now better.

Mr. Chamberlain at Durban.

The most notable features at Durban yesterday were the fervid enthusiasm of his reception and the clear and incisive presentation of the situation by Mr. Chamberlain. He said that no statesmanship could have prevented the fight for supremacy of two proud races. The Dutch have now accepted the paramountcy of the British flag, what then can longer separate the two nations.

The Andijan Earthquake.

Continuous undulating upheavals of the earth continue at Andijan and the surrounding districts, causing the greatest terror.

The Queen's Dinner to Widows and Orphans.

The Queen's dinner to the widows and orphans of London soldiers and sailors who died during the late war was given yesterday. Eighteen hundred guests assembled, the fares of all being paid by Her Majesty. A most kindly message was received from the Queen during the dinner.

Railway Accident in America.

An express train crowded with Christmas holiday travellers collided with a goods train near London, Ontario. The train was overturned into a ditch and 25 people were killed and 30 injured.

Mr. Chamberlain's Tour.

Mr. Chamberlain has proceeded to Pieter-Maritzburg where an immense and enthusiastic crowd assembled at the Hotel called for a speech, in response to which Mr. Chamberlain appeared on the balcony. He referred to the keener interest that the Mother-Country was now manifesting in colonial affairs, and urged the Colonials to take up the duties of the Grand Empire.

THE QUARRY BAY SPORTS.

Preparations are progressing at the spacious recreation ground of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire at Quarry Bay, for the annual sports to be held on New Year's day. The energetic secretary, Mr. R. H. Stephenson, and his committee have spared no pains to make the Taikoo 1903 Sports a success. This morning a whole army of workmen were engaged erecting mounds, decorating and generally giving the place an appearance of gaiety. At the entrance a bamboo arch is being built and the letters "Taikoo Sports, 1903" is boldly brought out in relief, surmounted by evergreens, with the company's flag floating proudly above. The bicycle track is in splendid condition, and judging by the entries, some very fine races should be witnessed. The prizes are very valuable, and this year is greatly varied, with a sprinkling of silver and ivory ware and Chinese curios. Fully five hundred invitations have been issued and the meeting should be a great success.

COTTAM & CO., FOR TRESS'S STRAW and FELT HATS.

THE KWANGSI REBELLION.

Letters from Wuchow, Kweilin, and Nanning and neighbouring villages state that the Kwangsi rebellion has assumed serious dimensions. Troops are daily passing through these cities for the borders of Kwai Chow, and the local military mandarins have been warned to have their troops in readiness to proceed at a moment's notice for the scene of the rebellion. Advices from Canton state that the Government is making arrangements with several European companies for the chartering of ships for the transportation of troops to Pakhoi, and other posts along the Kwang Tung coasts. Most of the principal firms have stopped sending New Year goods via the West and North rivers by junk. Refugees from the seat of the rebellion arriving daily at Canton, are giving vivid accounts of the rising and the suffering and hardships that have had to be endured.

THE C. M. S. N. CO.

A CHINESE PROTEST.

We have several reasons for protesting against the C. M. S. N. Co. being registered as a limited liability company solely for the purpose of giving foreigners a chance to invest money in the concern, the *Universal Gazette* says. In the first place, the C. M. S. N. Co. is entirely the property of Chinese merchants. Since the Chinese merchants bear all losses which the business of the Company may incur or enjoy all profits, which it may produce, nobody but the Chinese merchants ought to have any control over the company. The more we think of the fact that the Chinese merchants had laboured strenuously for a great many years before they succeeded in bringing the Company into its present prosperous condition, the more we blame the mean act of those outsiders who try to put money into this concern in order to share its profits. If the case be brought before the most ignorant and partial tribunal, it would hesitate to give judgment in favour of such a mean act. At present, there are only a few big enterprises in China, undertaken by purely Chinese merchants; and the C. M. S. N. Co. is the most profitable of all these enterprises. If we admitted foreign capital into this Company, foreigners would surely make it a precedent in future to put money into any big concern in the interior, which the Chinese merchants may have made prosperous after many years' hard work. This would have only one result, viz., the Chinese merchants would not dare to embark upon enterprises again.

Secondly, according to a recognised rule in the west, a country may not exclude the vessels of other countries from navigating the seas or oceans which border on its coast; but it has a right to prevent them from plying its inland waters. This rule is most strictly observed in foreign lands, but most recklessly violated in China. As soon as the Treaty of Nanking was concluded, foreign vessels began to navigate the Yangtze-Kiang. After the Treaty of Shimonoseki was signed, foreign vessels began to navigate our inland waters. Thus, step by step, foreigners have been setting their feet upon our rights, and larger and larger are the interests which we keep on losing. Fortunately the C. M. S. N. Co. was established in time to prevent our interests from being entirely snatched away. If the C. M. S. N. Co. be registered a limited liability company and put under the management of foreigners, our merchants would no longer be able to share the profits of the Company, or to control the movements of its vessels.

Lastly, if foreigners be permitted to invest money in the C. M. S. N. Co., it is true that the Chinese shareholders will still have a hand in the management of the Company, but their share in the management could only be nominal, because as soon as foreign shareholders had stepped in, they would add such a great investment on the Company as to make the Chinese capital, already invested, appear insignificant, and would put in an overwhelmingly large number of foreign employees in the Company to control everything.

We have one more remark to make. We have noticed the way in which foreigners used to employ in dealing with us. They always try to make the influence and force of the Chinese Government lend help to their selfish purposes. When they fail to prevail upon the District Magistrate to comply with a demand which they have put forth, they go to see the Prefect or the Taotai. If the Prefect or the Taotai refuses to accede to their request, they will consult the Governor or Viceroy about it. If the Governor or Viceroy cannot see his way to gratifying their desire, they will ask their Minister to speak to the Chinese Government on their behalf. This is the ordinary method adopted by foreigners in dealing with us. But recently they have invented a new method. They know that the Empress Dowager is now awfully anxious to make foreigners think her to be most friendly to them. So, if they want to get anything, they will not deal with the Government but convey their desire to the Empress Dowager and if the Empress Dowager consents to grant it, then nobody will venture to raise any objection.

It is a common custom that in foreign countries the Rulers often receive, officially and socially, the Representatives accredited to their Courts by friendly nations. But, as a rule, they only exchange compliments and respects with the Ministers at these receptions and refuse to discuss international affairs. All international affairs are conducted through the Prime Minister and the Minister for Foreign Affairs. It is incumbent upon our High Ministers to bring this to the notice of the Empress Dowager so that she may not fall into the error of discussing international affairs at her reception of the Foreign Representatives.

COTTAM & CO., FOR GENTS' BATHING GEAR.

The *China Times* of the 15th inst. has a statement that an Imperial Decree issued on the 13th announces that the Government would take over all the shares in the China Merchants S. N. Co. at par, and place the future control of the company in the hands of H.E. Yuan Shih-kai.

REVIEW.

A CHARMING BOOK.

Verses and Words. Selections from the writings of Tung Chia (J. O. P. Bland), with illustrations by W. D. Straight. Printed by the Oriental Press, Shanghai, and published by Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Hongkong and Shanghai.

Mr. J. O. P. Bland's selections, most of which have already been published either in the *Rattle*, the *North China Daily News*, or in home papers, now appear in book form with neat symbolical woodcuts making an extremely interesting and entertaining volume. At the time that the stories were first brought to the notice of the public they created a very favourable impression, and now that the little work is submitted in a neat and handy form the publication certainly ought to have justice in this present appeal to popular favour. *Verses and Words* has many claims on our liking, for Mr. Bland is possessed of that rare faculty of appealing to the eye through the imagination, and his descriptions are vivid, fresh, full of colour; while his stories are a succession of short suggestive pictures, that will quickly revive in the memories of old China hands the various phases of Oriental life, and serve to while away a pleasant hour or two for those whose lot is still cast in these Far-Eastern climes. As one turns over these leaves, scene after scene presents itself to the memory. One sees the typical foreigner in relation, not only to the typical native, but also to his fellow countrymen, and walks and shares with him the pleasures of Eastern life, albeit it at times he finds the oppressions and follies still linger at his side. The yarns are all agreeable, and little social incidents are described in a clear, amusing and original style. Mr. Bland's verses are none the less delightful, and contribute in no small degree to the success of a small volume brimming over with charming reading. It should prove a great acquisition to the shelves of any library and especially those of Far Eastern readers.

CABLE NEWS.

(via Japan.)

The Marseilles Strike.

December 17th.—The s.s. *Salazie*, of the Messageries Maritimes, manned by state seamen, has started for the Far East with 154 passengers.

Naval Disaster.

December 14th.—The British ship *Fantome*, is ashore at Barrancas, on the Orinoco river. [The *Fantome* is a British ship of war, launched in 1901. She carries six guns, has a tonnage of 1,976, horse-power 1,420 and a speed of 13 knots.]

(via Shanghai.)

The Dead Archbishop.

London, 24th December. The Archbishop of Canterbury never recovered his strength after an access of weakness in the House of Lords on the 4th December. His Grace passed quietly and peacefully away. The Archbishop took the Sacrament on Thursday, the 11th December, with the Archbishop of New York and the Bishop of London, whom he afterwards solemnly blessed.

Russian Steamship Service.

London, December 24th. Announcement is made that the Russian Ministry of Finance has arranged for a permanent service of properly equipped vessels under the Russian Steam Navigation Company.

A NEW GAME OF BILLIARDS, introduced by Jacob Schaefer, the American champion, is becoming very popular in Paris. It is played with three balls, one blue, one white, and one red. Each plays the white, but must make the cannon alternately off the red or off the blue. They say it is a more fascinating game than the ordinary billiards.

Commercial.

RICE.

The following is extracted from Messrs. W. G. Hale & Co.'s circular dated Saigon, 18th inst.—*New Crop*—Unfavorable reports continue to come in, more accentuated from some districts. There is no doubt that the premature and continued drought, which has reigned to a greater or lesser extent all over the Colony, has done serious damage to the Crop under foot. Even if wet weather now returns it cannot altogether remedy the evil, while it will have an injurious effect upon the early grain now nearly ripe.

We do not at all desire to present too gloomy a view of the matter, but would not be mistaken by estimating the shortage of our crop at 30% below an average yield.

Prospects of demand from neighboring countries strengthen. Negotiations are continual with Europe, with more or less result.

Business should be concluded early or it will be impossible except at higher figures than present quotations.

So far, contracts in new grain amount roughly to 35,000 tons which are chiefly for Europe and Japan.

In old grain there is little or nothing doing. Supplies are getting scarcer every day and prices maintain impossible figures. One or two more

small cargoes could perhaps yet be gathered, after which old grain may be said to be exhausted.

EXPORT DUTY ON HEMP.

According to a special cable, dated New York, December 26th, published in the *Manila Cable News*, England and Germany have formally protested to the government against the attitude maintained toward the hemp merchants of those countries in the Philippine Islands. England and Germany claim that the United States is not maintaining an "open door" policy toward them in the matter of the export duty on hemp. The note conveying the protest was conveyed to the State Department yesterday and it is understood that the Philippine government will be communicated with in the matter.

EXCHANGE.

LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer 1/7
Bank Bills, on demand 1/7 1/16
Credits, 4 months' sight 1/7 1/16
Dineros, 1 months' sight 1/7 9/16
FRANKFURT, (demand) M. 1.62
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand 1/9 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight 2/0 3/4
NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand 38 1/2
Credits, 30 days' sight 39 1/2
ON ROMANY, Telegraphic Transfer 118 1/2
On demand 118 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer 7 1/2
Private 30 days' sight nom.
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T. 30 1/2 % prem.
Overseas, Bank's Buying Rate 512.51
Gold Leaf (one tuck, per tael) 64.75
Bar Silver 22 1/2

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—
MALWA NEW @ \$1,020/1,030
" OLDEST @ 1,010/1,020
PATNA NEW @ 997 1/2
BENARES NEW @ 98 1/2
PERSIAN (PAPER) @ 700/750

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
TO-MORROW
(WEDNESDAY), the 31st December, 1902
at 2.30 P.M.,
at their

SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vaux Road,
Corner of Ice House Street,
SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Comprising:—
SILK TAPESTRY, DRAWING-ROOM
SUITE, TEAKWOOD POCKCASE and
WARDROBES, OVERMANTLE, ARM
CHAIRS, VIENNA CHAIRS, ICE CHEST,
BLACKWOOD WARE, SINGLE and
DOUBLE IRON BEDSTEPS, MARBLE-
TOP WASH-TAB, PANCY GOODS,
JACE CURTAINS, CARPETS, E. GRAVING
RUGS, BRONZE WARE, PICTURE
FRAMES, SATSUMA WARE, E. P. WARE
IRON SAFE.

One FOWLING PIECE in Case, Two
RIFLES and SPORTING CARTRIDGES.
TERMS:—As Usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [1440d]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
on
SATURDAY, the 3rd January, 1903,
at 2.30 P.M.,
at their

SALES ROOMS, 8, Des Vaux Road Central,
Corner of Ice House Street,
A QUANTITY OF
OLD PEKING CURIOS,
Comprising:—
MING DYNASTY PORCELAIN, HONG
KONG VALES, S'ING DYNASTY BRASS
and COPPER INCENSE BURNERS
and VASES, LARGE COPPER BELLS,
SILK EMBROIDERIES, MANDARIN'S
CLOTHES, LAQUERED WARE, BOM-
BOO CARVINGS, &c., &c.
Catalogues will be issued and the Goods will
be on view on Friday, P.M.
TERMS:—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [1441d]

DRINK

TAN SAN

RITCHIE & Co.,

39, Des Vaux Road.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [1442d]

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL.
Lessee and Manager Mr. W. REULE.
Representative Mr. ARTHUR SEYMOUR.

LAST THREE NIGHTS

OF THE
W. JANET WALDORF DRAMA-
TIC COMPANY.

TO-NIGHT (TUESDAY),
Revival of Miss Waldorf's greatest
Success,
"CAMILLE."

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY,
Great Farewell Attraction,
"SWEET NELL OF OLD DRURY."

Miss Waldorf as Nell Gwynne,
Mr. Norval McGregor as Charles II.

Elaborate Scenic Effects and Beautiful
Costumes of the Period.

Box Plan at ROBINSON'S.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [1439]

HON. KONG ST. ANDREW'S
SOCIETY.
ST. ANDREW'S BALL, 1902.

ALL OUTSTANDING CLAIMS against
the 1902 Ball Account should be ren-
dered before 1st January, 1903.

DAVID WOOD,
Hon. Sec., St. Andrew's Society,
Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [1442d]

STEAM TO CANTON.
The Splendid New Twin Screw Steamer

"KWONG CHOW."
1,474 Tons, Captain Austin, R.N.R., leaves
HONGKONG for CANTON at 5.30 P.M., on
SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS,
returning to Hongkong the following days,
leaving Canton at 5 P.M. Unexcelled accommo-
dation for First Class Passengers. Ship lighted
throughout by Electricity.
Passage Fare \$4.00 Single Journey.
Meals \$1.00 each.
The Company's Wharf is West of the Hong-
kong Harbour Masters' Office.
SHUI ON S.S. CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [1443d]

FOR NAGASAKI AND VLADIVOSTOK.
The Steamship

"SAVOIA."
Captain Rebbelmund, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 31st instant,
at Noon.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for First Class Passengers and carries a Doctor.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE,
Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [1442d]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA.
The Company's Steamship

"LOONGSANG."
Captain G. S. Weigall, will be despatched as
above on FRIDAY, the 2nd Jan., 1903, at 4 P.M.
This Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for First class Passengers, and is fitted through-
out with Electric Light.
For Freight or Passage apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [1444d]

To-day's Advertisements.



TOYO KISEN KAISHA,
(ORIENTAL S.S. CO.)
REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN
HONGKONG AND MANILA,
IN 48 HOURS.

THE Company's well-known Steamship
"ROSETTA MARU,"
3,876 Tons,
Captain N. Tate, will be despatched hence
for MANILA, on MONDAY, the 5th January,
at Noon.

To be followed by
"ROHILLA MARU,"
on or about 10th January next.

Magnificent accommodation. Comfortable
cabins. Excellent table. Unrivalled speed.
Electric light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents,
Prince's Buildings,
100 House Street,
Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [1189d]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS,
CALCUTTA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT,
MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN
AND BLACK SEA PORTS—LONDON,
HAVRE, BORDEAUX.

ON MONDAY, the 12th January, 1903,
at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship
"LAOS," Captain Flamin, with Mails,
Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this
Port for MARSEILLES, via Ports of Call,
WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for Lon-
don as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in
transit through Marseilles for the principal
places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon,
Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M.,
Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M., on the 11th
January. (Parcels are not to be sent on board;
they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Con-
tents and Value of Packages are required.
For further Particulars, apply at the Com-
pany's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [1404d]

"BARBER" LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "SHIMOSA"
FROM NEW YORK, STRAITS AND
MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed
that all Goods are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at
Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 5th January will be
subject to sale.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Undersigned on or before the 10th
January, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 5th January, at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [1445d]



THE POPULAR
SCOTCH
IS
"BLACK & WHITE"



JAMES BUCHANAN & CO.
SCOTCH WHISKY DISTILLERS.
By Appointment to

H. M. THE KING
and
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES

SOLE AGENTS

LANE CRAWFORD & CO.
HONGKONG.

Shipping—Steamers.

OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LIMITED.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	On 6th January.
"	"PIROMACHUS"	On 8th "
"	"PYRRHUS"	On 14th "
"	"DIEMED"	On 28th "
FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON	"PELEUS"	On 6th January.
GENOA and LIVERPOOL	"ANTENOR"	On 20th January.
LONDON	"PYRRHUS"	On 20th January.
LONDON	"TELEMACHUS"	On 3rd February.
LONDON	"PROMETHEUS"	On 17th February.
LIVERPOOL	"DARDANUS"	On 20th February.
MARSEILLES and ANTWERP	"PYRRHUS"	On 21st February.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1902.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY LIMITED.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PAKLING"	22nd January.
"	"CHINGWO"	3rd February.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, ANTWERP and AMS-	"OOPACK"	16th January.
TERDAM	"	"

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, and TACOMA,	"PAKLING"	24th January.
and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS	"	"
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"	"

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
KODE	"TAIYUAN"	31st December.

SHANGHAI	"KANSU"	2nd January.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY IS.,	"TAIYUAN"	20th January.
COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNS-	"	"
VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and	"	"
MELBOURNE	"	"

* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried. Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports. Taking Cargo and Passengers at through Rates for all New Zealand and other Australian Ports.

See Special Advertisement.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1902.

Hongkong-Manila.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon amidships—Electric Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon carried.—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA (DIRECT)	2nd January, at Noon.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Do.	7th "
DIAMANTE	1980	A. H. Nolley	"	"
PERLA	1980	J. McGinty	"	"

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1902.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG VIA MOJI, KOBE
AND YOKOHAMA,

FOR

PORTLAND OREGON

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH

THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY,

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail
"INDRAVELLI"	4,899	W. E. Craven	Jan. 14, 1903.
"INDRAPURA"	4,899	A. E. Hollingsworth	"
"INDRASAMHA"	5,197	R. P. Craven	"

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS—SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Destinations.	Steamers.	Captains.	Sailing Dates.
FOR FOCHOW	"ANPING MARU"	J. Goto	WEDNESDAY, 31st December
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Ogata	SUNDAY, 4th January.
FOR ANPING	"MAIDZURU MARU"	T. Saito	WEDNESDAY, 7th January.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIGI MARU"	T. W. Groves	SUNDAY, 11th Jan., at 8 A.M.

* Via SWATOW and AMOY.

† Subject to alteration.

The Company's new steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for 1st class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.

All steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mails, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered in the highest class at Lloyd's. Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pontoon at the Customs' water-front premises at Tamsui to land all passengers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office, at No. 2, Des Vaux Road Central.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1902.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR GENOA, ANTWERP AND LONDON.

THE Steamship

"DENLOMOND,"
Captain Stutton, will be despatched as above on or about the 31st instant, instead of the 3rd January as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1382d]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES,"
Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above Port, on THURSDAY, the 1st January, 1903, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage apply to

DOUGLAS LARPAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [1437d]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Japanese Mail Steamship

"KUMANO MARU,"
5,000 Tons, Captain E. W. Haswell, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 1st January, at 4 P.M.

This Well-known Steamer is specially constructed for the service in the Tropics, and is provided with superior accommodation and with all modern fittings and improvements for the safety and comfort of Passengers. Electric Light and Refrigerator. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1902. [1394d]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIP.

FOR LONDON.

THE Steamship

"GLENLOCHY,"
Captain E. J. Stallard, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 5th January, 1903.

For Freight, apply to

MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1902. [1374d]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE
AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"CALDONIEN,"
Captain Remés, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about MONDAY, the 5th January, 1903.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [1004c]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE

TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL

(With Liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

1903.

"MOGUL".....About 6th Jan.

"HINDUSTAN".....15th Jan.

"SHIMOSA".....To follow.

For Freight and further information, apply to

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902. [1330d]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION

COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND

CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"NAMSANG,"
Captain Geo. Payne, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 7th January, 1903, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [1430d]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM

SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN, and

QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through

Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND

TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"EASTERN,"
Captain Ellis, will be despatched for the above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 9th January, 1903, at Daylight.

This Well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [1383d]

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

HONGKONG TO SYDNEY

AND MELBOURNE.

VIA

USUAL AUSTRALIAN PORTS OF CALL.

AVERAGE LENGTH OF VOYAGE

TO SYDNEY 20 DAYS.

Saloon Passengers carried at SPECIALLY REDUCED RATES, particulars of which can be obtained on application to the Undersigned.

NEXT SAILINGS.

"TAIYUAN".....leaves on 20th Jan.

"TSINAN".....16th Feb.

"CHANGSHA".....7th Mar.

"CHINGTU"....." "

Superior accommodation amidships. Electric Light throughout. Fitted with Refrigerators which ensure a fresh supply of ice and provisions during the entire voyage. Duly qualified European Surgeons carried.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents, C. N. Co., Ltd.

Intimation.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

1, ICE HOUSE ROAD,

HONGKONG.

CABLE ADDRESS—Telegraph, Hongkong.

THE leading English Newspaper in China

Also widely circulated in Japan, Coochin

China, Ceylon, India and the Far East

generally.

A daily newspaper with weekly edition

published for despatch by the homeward mail

The daily is recommended as more generally

suitable, except for subscribers in Europe or

America.

A special feature is made of full and accurate

reports of local occurrences, and of matters

of general interest.

ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT.

The Hongkong Telegraph is the best

medium for advertising in China. It circulates

largely among all classes of the community,

is the largest daily newspaper and has a

wider circulation than any journal in the Far

East.

Special attention given to effectively display-

ing advertisements.

The type used as a standard for setting

advertisements is similar to this, unless we are

instructed to display the advertisement, when

any effective style of type will be adopted.

This standard runs exactly eight lines to the

inch, and about eight words to the line.

ADVERTISEMENT RATES.

(per inch.)

One week.....\$ 2.85

One month.....7.20

Two months.....13.00

Three ".....20.00

Six ".....37.50

Twelve ".....73.00

No charge less than one dollar.

Discount allowed on—

3 Months Contracts..... 5 per cent.

6 ".....10 "

12 ".....25 "

50 ".....100 "

100 ".....200 "

200 ".....400 "

400 ".....800 "

800 ".....1,600 "

1,600 ".....3,200 "

3,200 ".....6,400 "

6,400 ".....12,800 "

12,800 ".....25,600 "

25,600 ".....51,200 "

51,200 ".....102,400 "

102,400 ".....204,800 "

204,800 ".....409,600 "

409,600 ".....819,200 "

819,200 ".....1,638,400 "

1,638,400 ".....3,276,800 "

3,276,800 ".....6,553,600 "

6,553,600 ".....13,107,200 "

13,107,200 ".....26,214,400 "

26,214,400 ".....52,428,800 "

52,428,800 ".....104,857,600 "

104,857,600 ".....209,715,200 "

209,715,200 ".....419,430,400 "

419,430,400 ".....838,860,800 "

838,860,800 ".....1,677,721,600 "

1,677,721,600 ".....3,355,443,200 "

3,355,443,200 ".....6,710,886,400 "

6,710,886,400 ".....13,421,772,800 "

13,421,772,800 ".....26,843,545,600 "

26,843,545,600 ".....53,687,091,200 "

53,687,091,200 ".....107,374,182,400 "

107,374,182,400 ".....214,748,364,800 "

214,748,364,800 ".....429,496,729,600 "

429,496,729,600 ".....858,993,459,200 "

858,993,459,200 ".....1,717,986,918,400 "

1,717,986,918,400 ".....3,435,973,836,800 "

3,435,973,836,800 ".....6,871,947,673,600 "

6,871,947,673,600 ".....13,743,895,347,200 "

13,743,895,347,200 ".....27,487,790,694,400 "

27,487,790,694,400 ".....54,975,581,388,800 "

54,975,581,388,800 ".....109,951,162,777,600 "

109,951,162,777,600 ".....219,902,325,555,200 "

219,902,325,555,200 ".....439,804,651,110,400 "

439,804,651,110,400 ".....879,609,302,220,800 "

879,609,302,220,800 ".....1,759,218,604,441,600 "

1,759,218,604,441,600 ".....3,518,437,208,883,200 "

3,518,437,208,883,200 ".....7,036,874,417,766,400 "

7,036,874,417,766,400 ".....14,073,748,835,532,800 "

2255 D. 2255 A. 2255 J. 2255 B. 2255 C.

(DECEMBER 30th.)

Pigeons Canton-Pak Kun

Quail—Um-Chun

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	DATE.
Amoy, &c.	Maidaru Maru	Jan.
Bombay, &c.	Bombay Maru	Jan.
Canton, &c.	Sachsen	April
"	Kiautschow	Mar.
"	Bayern	May
"	König Albert	Jan.
"	Prinzess Irene	Jan.
"	Preussen	Mar.
"	Darmstadt	Feb.
"	Stuttgart	Feb.
"	Hamburg	Mar.
"	Prinz Heinrich	April
"	Anping Maru	Dec.
"	Denlondom	Jan.
"	Nürnberg	Jan.
"	Silesia	Feb.
"	Würzburg	Feb.
"	C. Fred. Loesiz.	Feb.
"	Hakata Maru	Jan.
"	Yamaguchi Maru	Jan.
"	Kashia Maru	Jan.
"	Sanuki Maru	Jan.
"	Fyedeus	Jan.
"	Dardanus	Feb.
"	Valetta	Jan.
"	Peleus	Jan.
"	Antenor	Jan.
"	Pelenechus	Feb.
"	Prometheus	Feb.
"	Geniochy	Jan.
"	Bombay	Jan.
"	Mulu	Mar.
"	Opanak	Feb.
"	Pyrrhus	Mar.
"	Laos	Jan.
"	Kawachi Maru	Jan.
"	Roh la Maru	Jan.
"	Rosetta Maru	Jan.
"	Loongsang	Jan.
"	Rubi	Jan.
"	Zafiro	Jan.
"	Vogel	Jan.
"	Indravelli	Jan.
"	Nippur Maru	Jan.
"	Siberia	Feb.
"	Gaelic	Mar.
"	Coptic	Feb.
"	Korea	Feb.
"	Hung Kong Maru	Dec.
"	China	Jan.
"	Doric	Jan.
"	America Maru	Feb.
"	Chusan	Jan.
"	Kansu	Dec.
"	Caladonian	Jan.
"	Namag	Jan.
"	Thales	Jan.
"	Dajin Maru	Jan.
"	Dagui Maru	Jan.
"	Taiyuan	Jan.
"	Tsinan	Feb.
"	Changsha	Mar.
"	Kunming Maru	Jan.
"	Easten	Jan.
"	Empress of Japan	Mar.
"	Empress of China	Jan.
"	Empress of India	Feb.
"	Athenian	Dec.
"	Tatar	Feb.
"	Olympia	Jan.
"	Victoria	Jan.
"	Pleades	Jan.
"	Peking	Jan.
"	Tosa Maru	Jan.
"	Manila	Dec.

PROJCTED SAILINGS.

HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Thursday, December 24th, 1903.
At 100 cents per Dollar Mexican.

Butcher Meat.

1st sirloin & prime cut—Mei Lung Pa	lb
Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	"
Roast—Shiu	"
Soup, Tong Yuk	"
Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	"
Sausages—Ngau Yuk Chung	"
Jack's Brains—" Know	per set
Tongue fresh—Ngau Li	each
" corned—Ham Ngau Li	"
Head—Ngau Yau	"
Heart—Ngau Sum	"
Hump Salt—Ngau Kin	"
Feet—Ngau Kerk	each
Kidneys—Ngau Yiu	"
Tail—Ngau Mei	"
Liver—Ngau Con	lb
Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	"
Wives' Head and Feet—Ngau-chai-tau-keok	set
Leg—Young Pei	"
Shoulder—Young Shau	"
Chilings—Chu cheung	"
Feet—Chi Keok	"
Fry—Chi Chik	"
Head—Chi Tau	"
Heart—Chi Sum	each
Kidneys—Chi Yiu	pair
Liver—Chi Kon	lb
Chop—Chi Pai Kwat	"
Corned—Ham Chu Yuk	"
Leg—Chu Mei	"
Feet of Lamb—Chu Yau	"
Head and Feet—Yeung Tau	set
Keok	"
Heart—Yeung Sum	each
Kidneys—Yeung Yiu	"
Liver—Yeung Con	lb
Pigs, To Order—Chu Chai	"
Beef—Sung Ngau Yau	"
Mutton—Sung Yeung Yau	"
Al—Ngau Chai Yuk	"
Sausages—Ngau Chai Yuk Tong	"

Poultry.

Chicken—Kai Chai	lb
Ducks, Large, Small—Sin Kai	"
Ducks—Ap	"
Geese—Pan Kau	each
Geese, Hen—Kai Tau	per doz.
Geese, Canton—Kai	lb
Geese—Hoi Nan	"
Geese—Nga	"
Geese, Wild Shanghai—Sheng Hoi Ye	pair
Nga	"
Geese—Wong Keng	each

December 20th, 1902. a.m.

Wladivostok	7	a.m.	
Nemuro	5	a.m.	
Hakodate	"	"	
Tokio	"	"	
Kochi	"	"	
Nagasaki	"	"	
Nagasaki	"	"	
Oshima	"	"	
Naha	"	"	
Ishigakijima	"	"	
Taihou	5	a.m.	30.07
Taichu	"	"	30.06
Tainan	"	"	30.09
Keshun	"	"	30.09
Pescadores	"	"	30.07
Gutzlaff	9	a.m.	30.25 48 78
Sharp Peak	"	"	30.15 53 90
Amoy	6.30	a.m.	30.18 57 87
Swatow	9	a.m.	
Canton	"	"	
Hongkong	10	a.m.	30.06 63 79
Victoria Peak	"	"	
Gap Rock	"	"	30.04
Macao	"	"	30.07 63
Hainpong	"	"	
Malala	"	"	30.08 79 84
Malala	9	a.m.	
Macao	"	"	
Haito	"	"	30.05 83
Seto	"	"	30.03 83

Butcher Meat.

Beef sirloin & prime cut—Mei Lung Pa	lb	1
" Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	"	1
" Roast—Shiu	"	1
" Soup, Tong Yuk	"	1
" Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	"	1
" Sausages,—Ngau Yuk Chaung	"	1
Bullock's Brains—" Know	per set	4
" Tongue fresh—Ngau Li	each	6
" " corned—Ham Ngau Li	"	6
" Head—Ngau Tau	"	1
" Heart—Ngau Sum	"	1
" Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin	"	1
" Feet—Ngau Ker	each	1
" Kidneys—Ngau Yiu	"	1
" Tail—Ngau Mei	"	1
" Liver—Ngau Ton	lb	1
" Tripes (unwashed)—Ngau To	"	1
Calves' Head and Feet—Ngau-chai-tau-keok	set	2
Mutton Chop—Yeung Pai Kwat	lb	2
" Leg—Yeung Pei	"	2
" Shoulder—Yeung Shau	"	1
Pigs' Chindings—Chu cheung	"	1
" Feet—Chi Keok	"	1
" Fry—Chi Chak	"	1
" Head—Chi Tau	"	1
" Heart—Chi Sum	each	1
" Kidneys—Chi Yiu	pair	1
" Liver—Chi Kon	lb	2
Pork, Chop—Chi Pai Kwat	"	1
" Corned—Ham Chu Yuk	"	1
" Leg—Chu Pei	"	1
" Fat or Lard—Chu Yau	"	1
Sheeps' Head and Feet—Yeung Tau	"	5
" Heart—Yeung Sum	set	1
" Kidneys—Yeung Yiu	"	1
" Liver—Yeung Con	lb	1
Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chu Chai	"	1
Suet, Beef—Sung Ngau Yau	"	1
" Mutton—Sang Yeung Yau	"	2
Veal—Ngau Chai Yuk	"	1
" Sausages—Ngau Chai Yuk Tong	"	1
Poultry.		
Chicken—Kai Chai	lb	2
Capons, Large, Small—Sin Kai	"	2
Ducks—Ap	"	1
Doves—Pan Kau	each	1
Eggs, Hen—Kai Fan	per doz.	2
Fowls, Canton—Hoi Nam Kai	"	2
" Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	"	2
Geese—Nyo	"	1
Geese, Wild Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Ye	"	1
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